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SUBJECT:LUNT-LEBRON EXCHANGE: MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR
ALLARD

FOR THE AMBASSADOR ONLY

1. PLEASE SEEK AN APPOINTMENT AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL
IN FOREIGN MINISTRY TO ASK THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE
TRANSMITTED FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO BELGIAN AMBASSADOR
ALLARD IN HAVANA. EMPHASIZE TO FONMIN SENSITIVITY OF
LUNT CASE AND EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE
HANDLED IN A MOST DISCREET MANNER BY FONMIN TO MINIMIZE
POSSIBILITIES MATTER MIGHT LEAK TO THE PRESS, THEREBY
HAMPERING OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN LUNT'S RELEASE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OTHER INTERESTED
DEPARTMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAVE EXAMINED
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THOROUGHLY THE PROPOSAL MADE TO YOU BY VICE PRIME MINISTER

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FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ IN JANUARY
THAT LAWRENCE LUNT BE EXCHANGED FOR LOLITA LEBRON. WE HAVE
REACHED A DECISION THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT AGREE TO
SUCH AN EXCHANGE. OUR DECISION IN THIS REGARD HAS BEEN
CONVEYED TO THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE SWISS

EMBASSY IN HAVANA WHICH REPRESENTS OUR INTERESTS THERE.
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EFFORTS
SEEKING TO OBTAIN MR. LUNT'S RELEASE WHICH RESULTED IN
THE CUBAN PROPOSAL OF A LUNT-LEBRON EXCHANGE. THE
DEPARTMENT IS ACTIVELY PURSUING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN
MR. LUNT'S RELEASE THROUGH ANOTHER CHANNEL. THESE EFFORTS
REQUIRE THE UTMOST CONFIDENTIALITY BECAUSE OF THE
SENSITIVITY OF THIS MATTER. WE KNOW YOU WILL UNDERSTAND
WHY WE DO NOT WISH TO DISCUSS THESE OTHER EFFORTS IN
GREATER DETAIL AND WILL MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY
OF THIS MESSAGE. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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